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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8272

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJ: MOD SURRENDERS

REF: ADDIS 8103 PARA 9

1. ACCORDING RADIO ETHIOPIA'S NEWSCAST 1400 HOURS LOCAL JULY 16, MOD LG ABIY ABEBE "SURRENDERED" TO AFCC "VOLUNTARILY" AT 1325 HOURS TODAY. NEWSCASTER ASSERTED THAT MOD HAD TURNED HIMSELF OVER PRIOR TO EXPIRATION HIS DEADLINE WHICH SAID HAVE BEEN JULY 21 AT 6 PM.

2. STATUS THIS FIRST MEMBER CURRENT IEG/CM TO "SURRENDER" HIMSELF TO AFCV REMAINS UNCLEAR TO US A PRESENT. WORDING SUGGESTS AT MINIMUM HE HAS PLACED HIMSELF AT AFCC'S DISPOSAL AND ALLUSION TO DEADLINE THAT HE MAY BE DETAINED. WE ARE CHECKING.

3. ADDRESSES WILL RECALL THAT MOD DID NOT APPEAR ON PUBLISHED LIST OF WANTED MEN (ADDIS 7873). HOWEVER, HIS CASE NOT RPT NOT UNIQUE IN THAT RESPECT AS SURRENDER AND DETENTION OF OTHERS NOT SO LISTED HAS SINCE BEEN ANNOUNCED ALMOST DAILY. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW HIS CASE WILL BE CHARACTERIZED GIVEN
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INTER ALIA HIS MILITARY CONNECTIONS AND CURRENT POSITION.

4. POSSIBLY PREMATURE SPECULATION ON ABIY'S SUCCESSOR AS MOD
THUS FAR FOCUSES ON C/S AMAN ANDON WHO, SOME SAY, PREPARED WEAR
BOTH HATS, AND ASSEFA AYENE WHO, ACCORDING OTHERS, ABOUT TO BE
"LAUNDERED" AND RETURNED TO DUTY. LGIYASSU MENGISHA ETHIOPIA'S
AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF ST JAMES (A TIGRE COMMONER)
AND LG NEGASELASSIE, HIM'S ENVOY TO RABAT, ALSO MENTIONED ON
OCCASION. EMBASSY HAS REASON BELIEVE THAT LYASSU HAS BEEN
CONTACTED AND IS DICKERING.

5. TALK ALSO BECOMING WIDESPREAD THAT FURTHER ARREST LISTS HAVE
BEEN READIED AND NEW WAVE OF DETENTIONS COULD BREAK SOON IF AFCC
TAKES RELEVANT DECISION. NEEDLESS SAY, SUCH TALK DOING NOTHING
ENHANCE INITIATIVE AND SECURITY OF ETHIOPIA'S RANKING CIVIL
SERVANTS.

6. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED BUT PROBABLY ACCURATE REPORTS OF TWO
RECENT SEIZURES CACHED ARMS BUT INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS CONNECTED
THEREWITH NOT YET KNOWN TO US.

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